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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system reconfigurable cache memory comprising:

a cache programmable memory unit;

a functional unit in communication with the cache programmable-memory-unit, wherein

the functional unit executes applications using the cache programmable-memory

unit; and

a reconfiguration module for determining an optimal configuration of the cache memory

for a particular application and programming the cache programmable-memory

unit to the optimal configuration.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer system reconfigurable cache memory of claim 1,

wherein the <u>cache programmable</u> memory unit is a field-programmable gate array.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer system reconfigurable cache memory of claim 1,

wherein the reconfiguration module supplies a vector representing the optimal configuration

determined to the cache programmable-memory-unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer system reconfigurable cache memory of claim 1,

wherein the reconfiguration module determines the optimal configuration by collecting

performance information and analyzing the collected performance information.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer system reconfigurable cache memory of claim 1,

wherein the cache programmable-memory-unit, the functional unit, and the reconfiguration

unit are combined into a single system.

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- 6. (Currently Amended) A method of reconfiguring cache memory comprising: determining an optimal configuration of <u>the cache</u> memory for a particular application executed by a functional unit using <u>a</u>-the cache <del>programmable</del> memory <del>unit</del>; and
  - programming the cache programmable-memory-unit to the optimal configuration.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
  - determining another optimal configuration of <u>the cache</u> memory for another particular application executed by the functional unit using the <u>cache</u> programmable memory-unit; and

programming the cache programmable-memory-unit to the another optimal configuration.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
  - dynamically switching between programming the <u>cache programmable</u>-memory-unit to the optimal configuration and the another optimal configuration based on which application is being executed by the functional unit.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the determining of the optimal configuration of <u>the cache</u> memory for a particular application executed by a functional unit using a-the cache programmable-memory-unit comprises:

collecting performance information; and analyzing the collected performance information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the programming of the <u>cache</u> programmable memory unit comprises:

creating a vector representing the optimal configuration; and sending the vector to the <u>cache programmable</u> memory unit.

- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein a field programmable gate array configuration generator tool creates the vector.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A computer system reconfigurable cache memory-comprising:
  - means for determining an optimal configuration of <u>cache</u> memory for a particular application executed by a functional unit using a <u>cache</u> programmable memory unit; and
  - means for programming the <u>cache programmable</u> memory—unit to the optimal configuration.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system method</u> of claim 12[[6]], further comprising:

  means for determining another optimal configuration of <u>cache</u> memory for another

  particular application executed by the functional unit using the <u>cache</u>

  <del>programmable memory unit</del>; and
  - means for programming the <u>cache programmable</u>-memory-unit to the another optimal configuration.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system method</u> of claim <u>13[[7]]</u>, further comprising:

  means for dynamically switching between programming the <u>cache programmable</u>

  memory—unit to the optimal configuration and the another optimal configuration

  based on which application is being executed by the functional unit.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system method</u> of claim <u>12</u>[[6]], wherein the means for determining of the optimal configuration of <u>the cache</u> memory for a particular application executed by a functional unit using a <u>cache programmable memory-unit</u> comprises:

  means for collecting and analyzing performance information.

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16. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system method</u>-of claim <u>12[[6]]</u>, wherein the means for programming of the <u>cache programmable</u>-memory-unit comprises:

means for creating a vector representing the optimal configuration and sending the vector to the <u>cache programmable</u> memory <u>unit</u>.

- 17. (Currently Amended) A computer system reconfigurable cache comprising:
  - a field-programmable gate array;
  - a functional unit in communication with the field-programmable gate array, wherein the functional unit executes applications using the field-programmable gate array; and
  - <u>a</u> reconfiguration module for determining an optimal configuration of <u>the field-programmable gate array memory</u> for a particular application and programming the field-programmable gate array to the optimal configuration,
  - wherein the reconfiguration module determines the optimal configuration by collecting performance information and analyzing the collected performance information.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system reconfigurable cache</u> of claim 17, wherein the reconfiguration module supplies a vector representing the optimal configuration determined to for the field programmable gate array.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The <u>computer system reconfigurable cache</u> of claim 17, wherein the field programmable gate array, the functional unit, and the reconfiguration unit are combined into a single system.
- 20. (New) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the cache memory is a programmable memory module.